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Fairmount - Va.

May 29th/61.

Dear Mother and Sisters

We
are now in the enemies country, and secessionists are all
running. This part of Va. is
pretty much all union, but they
have no arms and cannot do
any thing to defend themselves.
I never saw people so glad to
see any one as the Virginians
were to see us soldiers, they
are furnishing us with all
the provisions that we use,
already cooked. Yesterday
we had a forced march of
fourteen miles from Mannington
along the Baltimore & Ohio R.R.
where two bridges were burnt

night before last, we are now
guarding a large R.R. bridge
over the Monongahala river.

There were thirteen hundred
Secessionists at Grafton about
twenty miles from here but we
heard this morning that they
had left but we cannot tell
where they are.

James Swope and I boxed
up our things at Bellair
and sent them home in care
of John Lawrence, this may
reach you before the box does.
so that you can look out for
it - We have picket guards
stationed for about two miles
around on the hills and there
are scouts out also.

We all laid on our arms
last night on the side of
a hill near the bridge, and

it rained all night, ~~and~~
there were none of us asleep
as we expected an attack
and wanted to be ready
for them, ~~it rained~~

I have not slept any for
two nights and am very
tired and sleepy.

The people here tell us that
they would have been attracted
if we had not come.

I suppose the paper have
stated where we are.

This is the first Chanda I
have had of writing to you but
I hope not the last.

While I am writing the men
and woman are coming in
to our camp, we are honored
like lords, and shown as much
respect as any one could wish.

Inclosed I send you a proclamation
of Gen. M^{rs}. Cleburne to the

soldiers and also to
the Citizens of Western Va.
There are Troopers coming in
all the time which makes it
safer for us. There are very
few sick in the Regiment at
present.

I have only received two letters
from you since I left Tenn.
There has been no mail in
this part of the country for
several days as no trains
have been running in on
this road ~~so~~ the secessionists
have had it in their
control.

I must stop for my
paper is running short -
Remember me to all my
friends.

Give my love to Anne and
those that you think best.

Nothing more this time
But am affectionately

your son
O.D. Sadler.

Mrs. C. Ladler
Yellow Springs
Greene Co.

Oh.